

# PIMP MY RIDE

Designers go up a gear to give modern motoring accessories a stylish reboot



From top to bottom, car fragrance pomander, £145, by Charabanc. 'Monolith' gear knob, made to order, by Sophie Dries and Garagisme, for Concrete Cat. Fur-lined gloves, £420, by Holland & Holland. 'Panama' messenger keyring, £65, by Smythson. 'Møf' glasses, price on request, by Lindberg

**We've noticed that motoring accessories - from air fresheners and gear knobs to gloves and glasses - have been getting a bit of an upgrade recently. We're steering clear of paper pine trees, and instead making sure our automotive embellishments guarantee the smoothest of rides.**

### Gear knob

Designer Sophie Dries has worked with Concrete Cat and *Garagisme*, the magazine that 'observes, dissects and analyses the car beyond its technical performance', to bring us 'Monolith', the first concrete gear knob.

### Air freshener

Former M&C Saatchi colleagues Carrie Hindmarsh and Barbara Behan are making car fragrance a thing of beauty with the launch of their Charabanc range of five scented pastilles, each encased in a leather and steel shell and inspired by a legendary road trip.

### Gloves

Holland & Holland's fur-lined gloves are our choice for keeping digits warm while driving. Handmade in glove-making capital Millau, in France, from lamb nappa leather and rabbit fur, they also keep us prepared for every cold-weather motoring eventuality.

### Keyring

Functionality often quashes form when it comes to car keys. Luckily, Smythson's understated 'Panama' lightweight tag, in cross-grain calf leather, gives ignition keys a gentle nudge up the style ladder.

### Glasses

The 'Møf' range, from Danish eyewear brand Lindberg, features titanium frames and a simple snap-in/snap-out lens system, allowing users to seamlessly transition between a variety of scenarios and needs, including reading, computer use and driving.